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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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### **REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on June 1, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed on December 1, 2006, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

### **AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.